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This is a request for filing a new utility patent application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) for an invention entitled:

Clamp Having Bendable Shaft

and invented by: David J. Danitz, Daavid E. Hegeman, Adam C. Gold

Which is a: Continuation of prior application No.: 10/013,207

Enclosed are:

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

Copy of the prior application, as originally filed

28 Sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-29)

Declaration (Copy from prior application)

The prior application is assigned to Novare Surgical Systems, Inc.

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**ACOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

Preliminary Amendment

**FEE CALCULATION AND TRANSMITTAL**

The filing fee is calculated below: (37 CFR § 1.16)

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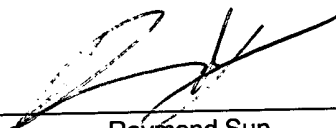
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